

# HOUSE BILL No. 1701

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-8-10.6.

**Synopsis:** Firefighter training. Establishes the Indiana firefighter training and education certification program, 1988 edition, and the Indiana firefighter training and education certification program, 1996 edition. Requires the board of firefighting personnel standards and education to establish a training program and minimum training standards for certification in engineering technology.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 26, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 36-8-10.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1999]:  
4       **Chapter 10.6. Firefighter Training and Education**  
5       **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "1988 program" refers to the  
6 Indiana firefighter training and education certification program,  
7 1988 edition, established under section 6 of this chapter.  
8       **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "1996 program" refers to the  
9 Indiana firefighter training and education certification program,  
10 1996 edition, established under section 6 of this chapter.  
11       **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the board of  
12 firefighting personnel standards and education established under  
13 IC 22-12-3-1.  
14       **Sec. 4.** As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the  
15 following:  
16       (1) A paid fire department.  
17       (2) A volunteer fire company.

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1       **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "firefighter" refers to the  
2 following:

- 3       (1) A full-time paid firefighter.  
4       (2) A volunteer firefighter.

5       **Sec. 6.** The following programs are established:

- 6       (1) The Indiana firefighter training and education  
7 certification program, 1988 edition, as set forth in 655  
8 IAC 1-1, 655 IAC 1-2, 655 IAC 1-3, and IC 655 1-4 on July 1,  
9 1990.  
10       (2) The Indiana firefighter training and education  
11 certification program, 1996 edition, as set forth in 655  
12 IAC 1-1 and 655 IAC 1-2.1 on July 1, 1997.

13       **Sec. 7.** (a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the board shall  
14 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to create, as part of the 1988 program,  
15 a training program and minimum training standards for  
16 certification in engineering technology.

17       (b) A person may be certified by the board in engineering  
18 technology if the person:

- 19       (1) is a registered professional engineer; and  
20       (2) has successfully completed the service requirements and  
21 the written and practical skills objectives approved by the  
22 board.

23       (c) A person may be certified by the board in engineering  
24 technology if:

- 25       (1) the person:  
26           (A) has a degree in fire protection engineering; or  
27           (B) is a registered professional fire protection engineer;  
28       (2) the person has completed a training course established or  
29 approved by the board in the Indiana fire prevention code;  
30 and  
31       (3) the person has completed at least five (5) years of fire  
32 service.

33       **Sec. 8.** A person who is certified in engineering technology may  
34 do the following:

- 35       (1) Review fire protection plans.  
36       (2) Evaluate structures to determine compliance with fire  
37 safety laws.  
38       (3) Determine fire flow for fire protection water systems.  
39       (4) Design fire protection systems.  
40       (5) Design fire truck apparatus.  
41       (6) Other activities approved by the board.

42       **Sec. 9.** (a) A firefighter may elect to be certified under the 1988



1 program or the 1996 program.

2 (b) The legislative body of a political subdivision may elect to  
3 require any or all of the members of the department that serve the  
4 political subdivision to be regulated under the 1988 program or the  
5 1996 program.

6 Sec. 10. The board shall adopt or amend the board's rules under  
7 IC 4-22-2 consistent with this chapter.

8 Sec. 11. A person who is certified after successfully completing  
9 a voluntary certification program in:

10 (1) fire service personnel;

11 (2) fire service persons;

12 (3) fire department instructors; or

13 (4) firefighting training and education;

14 before July 1, 1999, retains the person's certification after June 30,  
15 1999, unless the person's certification is revoked or was revoked  
16 under IC 22-12-7-7 or another applicable law.

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